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This is a request for filing a [X] continuation, [ ] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 08/689,721, filed August 12, 1996, entitled DEVICE FOR SUSPENDING A RECORDER AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME by inventor Andrew M. PERRY.

1. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
2. Small entity status:  
[X] A small entity status statement was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

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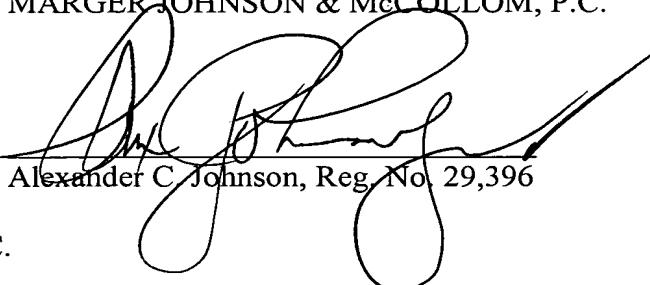
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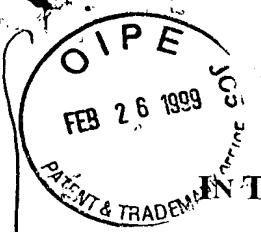
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Examiner: R. Luebke

Filed: August 12, 1996

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Date: February 26, 1999

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

~~In~~ In page 1, line 5, delete: "or other object".

~~In~~ In page 4, line 4, delete: "a few thousandths of an inch".

~~In~~ In page 4, line 10, delete: "thin cloth".

~~In~~ In page 4, lines 12-13, delete: "a simple over-hand knot".

~~In~~ In page 4, line 18, substitute "slide" with --slid--.

Substitute text starting from page 4, line 23 (inclusive) through page 5, line 6, up to  
and including the words: "... appended claims" with the following new paragraph:

~~In~~ After a suitable strap is attached to the appropriate size ring, the ring is attached to a  
recorder by slipping the ring onto the upper section of the recorder. The strap may be  
adjusted so the recorder hangs comfortably from the neck of the person playing the  
recorder.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 6.

Add new claims 7 and 8 as follows:

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